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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application Of:

William A. KNAUS et al.

Application Number: To Be Assigned

Filed: March 26, 2001

For: Broadband Computer-Based
Networked Systems For Control And
Management Of Medical Records

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Examiner: To Be Assigned

PETITION TO SUSPEND RULES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.183

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Commissioner of Patents
United States Patent & Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request suspension of the rules to the extent that the filing fee and excess claims fee not be processed or charged in the above-captioned application. In the event that such fees have already been processed or charged, Applicants respectfully request a refund equal to the amount calculated by the United States Patent & Trademark Office ("PTO") for such fees be returned to the Applicants in the form of a credit to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640. Upon the Commissioner's approval to suspend the rules, Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned patent application be processed and retained at the PTO, without further examination on the merits, for one year from the date of filing.

REMARKS

On March 26, 2001, Applicants filed the above-captioned application ("parent application") and authorized the Commissioner to charge \$826.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640. This amount is based on the sum of \$355 for a small-entity basic filing fee plus \$471 for excess claim fees calculated for a total of 59 claims including 6 independent claims. On April 2, 2001, a continuation-in-part application ("CIP application") was filed claiming priority to the parent application.

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Applicants respectfully request a suspension of the rules to the extent that the amount of \$826.00 not be processed or charged in the parent application. In the event that such fees have already been processed or charged, Applicants respectfully request a refund, from the Refunds Section of the Receipts Division of the Office of Finance, equal to the amount processed or charged by the PTO in the form of a credit to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

Upon the Commissioner's approval to suspend the rules, Applicants respectfully request that the parent application be processed and retained at the PTO, without further examination on the merits, for one year from the date of filing. Applicants desire to maintain priority of subject matter in the CIP application to subject matter in the parent application. Applicants respectfully request that the parent application not be examined on the merits. In the event that the present petition for a suspension of the rules is not approved, Applicants respectfully request that the parent application remain pending and proceed to examination on the merits.

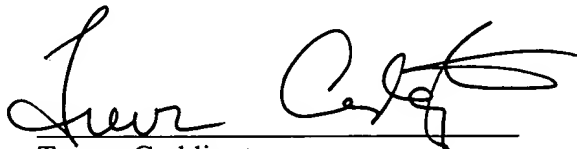
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1640 to cover the required petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). Only upon approval of the present petition or issuance of a refund of the filing and excess claims fees, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1640 to cover the Processing and Retention Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(l).

Respectfully submitted,

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